

The Congressional High Tech Caucus

Invites You To Attend

A Panel Discussion on the upcoming FCC decision on “White Spaces” television spectrum use

The bipartisan Congressional High Tech Caucus invites you to participate in our panel discussion on the upcoming FCC decision regarding the “White Spaces” television spectrum issue. The term "white spaces" is commonly used to describe the vacant airwaves in-between the broadcaster utilized digital channels. The ongoing transition from analog to digital television has created increased digital “white space” that some tech companies want to use on an ad hoc, unlicensed basis for wireless broadband connections to the Internet. Currently, the debate on this issue centers on whether unlicensed use of the spectrum would create interference between the new devices and broadcasters' signals. The Congressional High Tech Caucus is hosting this panel to bring together representatives from both sides of the issue as well as Members of Congress with pending legislation in order to facilitate a much needed dialogue on this important FCC decision.

Date: Wednesday, October 3rd, 2007

Time: 3 PM- 4:30 PM

Location: 1300 Longworth (Members, staff & industry representatives welcome; closed to press)

Guest Speakers: (moderated by **Mark Mansour**, Partner, Foley & Lardner LLP)

- **Representative Jay Inslee (WA-1)**
Energy and Commerce Committee; Author of H.R. 1597 “The Wireless Innovation Act of 2007”
- **Representative Bobby Rush (IL-1)**
Energy and Commerce Committee; Author of H.R. 1320 “Interference Protection for Existing Television Band Devices Act of 2007”
- **David Donovan**
President; Association for Maximum Service Television (MSTV)
- **Catherine Wang**
Regulatory Counsel; Bingham McCutchen LLC, representing Shure Microphones and the Microphone Interests Coalition

- **Glenn Adamo**
Vice President for Media Operations; the National Football League (NFL)
- **Edmond Thomas**
Partner; Harris, Wiltshire & Grannis LLP, representing the White Spaces Coalition
- **Michael Calabrese**
Vice President and Director; Wireless Future Program, New American Foundation; representing the Public Interest Spectrum Coalition
- **Brian Peters**
Director of Government Relations; Information Technology Industry Council (ITIC)
- **Alice Tornquist**
Vice President of Government Affairs; Qualcomm

The United States should be on the forefront of emerging technologies and high tech industries. By promoting dialogue and soliciting briefings on issues of interest, the Caucus strives to strengthen relations between Members of Congress and those involved in the tech industry. Our High Tech Caucus gives industry leaders, university and private researchers and interested groups the ability to share their ideas to improve our high tech sector, expand job growth and improve American competitiveness.

If you are interested in joining the Congressional High Tech Caucus, please have your staff contact Brooke Jamison in Congresswoman Kirsten Gillibrand's office (5-5614) or Gene Irisari in Congressman McCaul's office (5-2401).

Thank you,

/s
Rep. Michael McCaul

/s
Rep. Kirsten Gillibrand

Current Membership:

Gillibrand, McCaul, Bilbray, Issa, Sessions, Carter, Reichert, Wu, E.B. Johnson, Honda, Barton, Hall, Inslee, Kennedy, McCotter, Brady (TX), Kuhl, Mack, Lipinski, G. Davis, Conaway, McHenry, McMorris-Rodgers, Manzullo, Shuster, Dent, Blackburn, Wolf, Cantor, Sullivan, Burgess, Marchant, Camp, Feeney, Rohrabacher, Bono, Kirk, Boren, McNerney, Courtney, Eshoo, Mahoney, Melancon, Shuler, Klein, Yarmuth, Shea-Porter, Matheson, Jackson-Lee, Waxman, Lofgren